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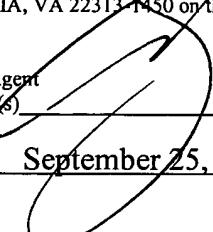
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment (“Amendment”) is submitted with a response to a Notification of Missing Requirements, dated July 25, 2006. A two-month period for reply was set by the Notice. Therefore, a response is timely filed on or before **September 25, 2006**.

Please amend the referenced application as follows, before calculation of the fees:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2, and include a Statement in Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) on page 8.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 9.

Remarks are on page 15.